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From Your KVCC President

Hello Residents.

Happy New Year! Since the last KVCC newsletter, your Civic Club held our annual general meeting on January 21. Elections were held for all the executive offices. Hector Caram, Chris Hearn, Brian Gastineau and I were unopposed and re-elected as Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and President, respectively. Essentially, there are no changes to these positions and all committee positions remain the same as well. This is great news from the standpoint of experience and retention but we would very much like to have some new faces come forward to assist. One resident has already stepped up this year to help us with the newsletter advertising effort – her name is Magda Herrera so we welcome her to the team!

Our next resident's meeting isn't until August (actual date TBD) so please reach out to me if you have an interest in getting involved. We can help you figure out your area of interest and your potential time commitment. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for everyone that contributed their personal time to us in 2013. We are a fortunate Civic Club and neighborhood to have many long time volunteers that are still active.

KVCC's financial status for 2013 was good but not great. The revenue collected did not allow much in the way of savings for special projects. Ideally, we want to build our dues so we can consider things like increased security patrols or other means to make us safer. If you have paid your dues to KVCC this year already, thank you. If you have not yet had a chance to contribute, please do.

Braeswood Super Neighborhood Update

The super neighborhood will be taking a look at security throughout the area. Some of the items they will be looking at are the security service used by each civic club, the cost paid and how many hours per week are covered. They're also working with the Houston Police Department to get a trend analysis of reported crime in the area. Stay tuned for future developments.

Donald Perkins from Councilmember Larry Green's office gave an update on city council activity. CM Green is head of the city's infrastructure committee. He'll be pushing to get Buffalo Speedway repaired all the way to the loop. We all know how much that is needed! He's also going to try and get the rest of the streets in KV fixed.

There's exciting news about Linkwood Park! The city has approved all plans for the renovation of the park with the exception of the fence removal from the ball field. That area is still under discussion. The first project is to create a fenced-in toddler playground, estimated to cost \$50,000. Work will begin once the funds are raised. To make a tax-deductible contribution to this effort, send a check payable to Friends of Linkwood Park to Houston Parks Board, reference Linkwood Park, 300 N Post Oak Ln, Houston, TX 77024. Contact Jenna Arnold at 713.299.7182 or jkene@hotmail.com for more information.

The March 20, 2014 meeting of BSN will feature a discussion of management districts. We are aware that a revised proposal for a management district in the area will be presented in the next legislative session in 2015. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THIS MEETING. This is the time to hear from residents of other neighborhoods in city council district K that live within an area that has a management district and to

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Longfellow Is Leading the Way!

Longfellow's second Leadership Day, held February 6, was a huge success! About 50 parents, family and community members visited, and all left excited about how the leadership program, called "The Leader in Me" and based on Stephen Covey's book, The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People, has helped the school and its students.

One parent said, "It is so enjoyable to see how many confident, intelligent and sophisticated students Longfellow has within its classrooms! This Leadership Day was a wonderful way to celebrate these children and teachers for their hard work." A community member shared, "Longfellow is a great school and the neighborhood should invest their time and children here." "Longfellow is doing a great job in building our future leaders!" mentioned one parent visitor. A local community member said, "I loved seeing the student-led school and classroom tours. It was impressive to watch the students engage with the visitors, and talk about Covey's 7 Habits. Several fourth- and fifth-graders also explained to me how going to Longfellow has changed them. Longfellow has a lot to offer. I recommend Longfellow to my friends and neighbors."

Longfellow Elementary is located at 3617 Norris, Houston, TX 77025, in the Braeswood Place neighborhood. It is a Creative and Performing Arts Magnet School with a Neighborhood Vanguard Program. For more information, please visit www.longfellowhisd.com.

Longfellow's next Leadership Day will be Wednesday, March 12. To sign up for the event, please visit the school's website. Longfellow's Kinder Round Up will be Friday, April 11 at 9:30 a.m. There will also be a play date for incoming neighborhood Longfellow students hosted by current students. For more information about date and location, please email jessicaevans23@gmail.com.

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Without a doubt, our biggest goal this year is to get the esplanade signs replaced both on Buffalo Speedway and S. Braeswood. We are in the process of regrouping internally and with the City of Houston. I also expect you will see some improvements to our newsletter layout and to how information is organized on our website to improve overall navigation. One thing we will have in place by the time you read this is a new advertising section that will offer information, rates and a contact for any businesses interested in newsletter advertisement. We are also considering ad sponsorship in some creative ways. We'll share the specific updates as we implement them but if you haven't visited the website lately, check it out and subscribe to our email updates.

I wish each of you a successful and healthy new year and look forward to hearing from some of you soon. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us if you need our help.

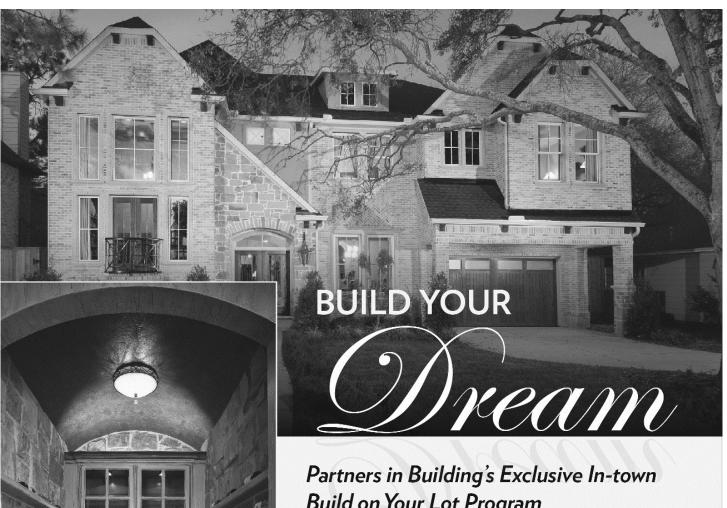
KVCC President Scott Rose

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learn what the impact of a management district has on residential properties. We all need to educate ourselves about these districts well before the legislative session begins. Below is an excerpt from the City of Houston Planning and Development Department website regarding management districts (www.houstontx.gov/ planning/Neighborhood/mgmt.html):

Management Districts

Management Districts are special districts created by the Texas legislature. These districts are empowered to promote, develop, encourage and maintain employment, commerce, transportation, housing, tourism, recreation, arts, entertainment, economic development, safety and the public welfare. Management Districts are given the power to finance their operations by issuing bonds or other obligations, payable in whole or in part from ad valorem taxes, assessments, impact fees, or other funds of the District to provide improvements and services. They may not levy a tax or assessment on singlefamily detached residences. Furthermore, districts may levy a tax only after holding an election within the district. These districts are intended to supplement, not supplant, existing public services.



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Volunteer(s) Needed

The Friends of Linkwood Park is a group of residents who have been working on proposed plans to renovate Linkwood Park, the park closest to our neighborhood and the only one on the south side of the bayou in our general area. (See **Neighborhood Update**, p. 1.)

This small group has been working with the Houston City Parks Board to create a proposed new design with enhancements such as a toddler playground, a walkway, sports area and green space for all ages — and much more.

Recently, the city approved the basic concept with some exceptions, so the final design plans need to be completed, costs determined and, most importantly, a fund-raising effort put in place.

The Knollwood Village Civic Club would like to provide at least one if not more representatives from our neighborhood on this exciting project. Interested parties should contact Scott Rose at president@knollwoodvillagecc.org.

New Development on Kirby at South Braeswood

The Crossing at Kirby Apartments at 7600 Kirby Dr. was being demolished at the time of this newsletter's publication. The 15-building complex (plus a clubhouse and two laundromats) was purchased last September by an entity connected to the Dinerstein Companies, developers of the Millennium Greenway and Millennium High Street apartment buildings, plus two Millennium-branded complexes in The Woodlands and three more in California. Dinerstein doesn't appear to have made public its plans for this location, but it's likely working on a Millennium Kirby — that's the name of the LLC that made the property purchase.

The complex originally opened in 1977 as The Lodge at Kirby.

8514 Hatton

Architectural Controls Committee (ACC) Activity September–February 2014

Pool - Approved as submitted

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2806 Ashwood	Second-story addition - Approved as submitted
8010 Serenity Ct.	New construction - Approved for construction
3515 Deal	New construction - Approved for construction
8414 Hatton	Question about demolition - No further action
3410 Broadmead	Question about sun room demolition - No further action
8203 Lorrie	Submission for new home construction - Approved as submitted
3403 Broadmead	Question about plumbing and electrical work - No further action
8414 Hatton	Submission for new home construction - Approved for construction
3006 Fairhope	Submission for new home construction - Approved for construction
2919 Fairhope	Second-story addition - Approved for construction

REMINDER: Before you begin any remodeling, renovation, or construction of any type at your home, please contact the ACC.

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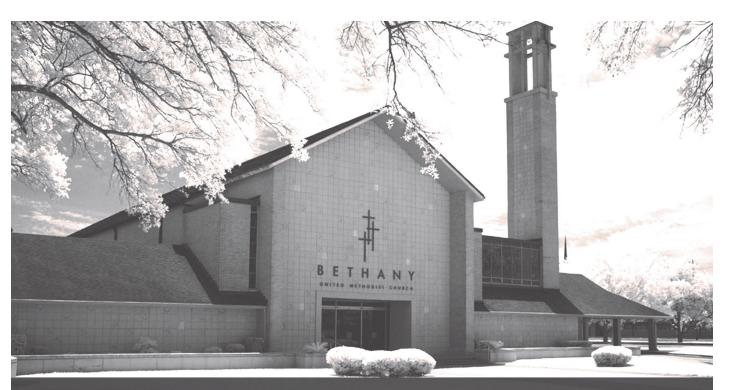
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Meet Your Neighbors!

Knollwood Village would like to share a recent idea started by both the Braeswood Place Mothers of Young Children and the Families of South Braeswood (FSB). The series is called Meet Your Neighbor, and is a great way to build community. The first three families FSB featured were from our neighborhood, so we thought we would share their stories here too. If your family would like to participate, please email FSB at familiesofsouthbraeswood@gmail.com.



The Willinghams

Tell us about your family. What neighborhood are you in and how long have you lived here?

We have lived in Knollwood Village for 2 years. Russell is a talented musician (not his day job) and not only volunteers to do worship at his church, he can also be found doing impromptu sing-a-longs to Disney movies for his kids. Paige is also very crafts-y and talented and makes stylish purses and adorable children's clothing at www.thespottedfawn.com.

We have twin daughters, Emma and Abby, who are 6 and are in first grade at our neighborhood school, Longfellow. Samuel is our little man and he is 3 years old. We are also in the process of adopting our fourth from China. Hopefully, we will have him home by this time next year. On that note, we will be having a huge yard sale March 15 from 8 a.m. until we can't stand up anymore. My girls will be selling lemonade and rainbow loom bracelets, and many of our friends are donating items and baking tasty treats to have a gigantic fundraiser to help us bring baby brother home. We would love to see you all come out and visit with us! We live at 8306 Greenbush. If you were out on Halloween we are the ones who had Charlie Brown playing in the driveway. :)

Do you have pets?

We have one dog, Mae. She is a Vizsla and she's 7. We also have a beta fish who the girls affectionately named Ariel.

What is your favorite thing about your neighborhood?

This is such a wonderful neighborhood. We love how there are so many people out and about all the time. We are out front of our house playing a lot and go on walks, and we love the spontaneous community that forms when we meet so many wonderful neighbors enjoying the outside. It's so close to everything in the city but it has a much smaller feel because of how warm and friendly the community is.

Favorite hobby or thing to do as a family?

On a regular basis here in the city we just like to get outside together. We go golf a lot over at the Memorial golf course by the zoo. And definitely biking and scootering around the neighborhood. You would know us if you've driven past because we typically have the plastic safety men in the street and I'll probably be telling my kids to get out of the way of your car.

What would you like to see more of in our neighborhood/what would you improve?

I guess we would just like to continue to see us grow in what we already do. I love the opportunities through the summer like sprinkler parties and other various events that are put on to build community. I'd love to see even more families participate so we could get closer as neighbors.

The Pinkstons

Tell us about your family. What neighbor-hood are you in and how long have you lived here?

We live in Knollwood Village. Margaret has lived here since 2003 to be close to her dad, who



was at St. Dominic's. She married Paul in 2008 and they started a remodeling project in 2010 that took about a year. Paul now has space for his clothes. We have two kids: Teresa, who is 4-1/2 years old (PreK MCLIMS-Mandarin Chinese School) and Luke, who is 2-1/2 years old (St. Paul's School).

Do you have pets?

Three Koi fish and an algae eater.

What is your favorite thing about your neighborhood?

We love that it is so family-oriented, and all the neighbors look out for each other. Our streets are wide and the trees are awesome. We especially love our street because there are so many children and we all hang out together — kids and adults.

Favorite hobby or thing to do as a family?

A new hobby that we enjoy as a family is bowling. We go to Palace Lane down the street. They open super early on the weekends, great for cold, hot or rainy weather! We also play outside a lot!

What would you like to see more of in our neighborhood/what would you improve?

We enjoy the events organized by Families of South Braeswood. Also, whether it's giving time, money, or other resources, we should continue to make improvements to our neighborhood, such as signage, helping the elderly mow/edge their lawn, etc. Doing positive things together for our neighbors and neighborhood is both rewarding and great for meeting people.



The Beebes

Tell us about your family. What neighborhood are you in and how long have you lived here?

We live in Knoll-wood Village, where we moved with a 4-month-old baby girl.

Nearly 7 years later, we are a family of 4: Mark and Catherine, 7-year-old Helen (first grader at Longfellow) and 4-year-old Lucy (pre-k at West U Baptist).

Do you have pets?

One ornery cat named Lady Grey. Two failed pet fish.

What is your favorite thing about your neighborhood?

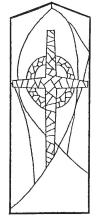
It feels like a well-kept secret as an affordable area close to everything, but it was the people we knew that encouraged us to move here.

Favorite hobby or thing to do as a family?

We are both musicians on the side and play for our kids, who sometimes dance or sing along. We dream of them learning instruments and forming a family band, but one that is cooler than the Partridge Family. We also have both sets of parents close to us, so we spend much of our time with them.

What would you like to see more of in our neighborhood/what would you improve?

Our sidewalks need improvement, which was always frustrating with a stroller. I would also like to see more neighbors sending their children to Longfellow Elementary, which has been an unexpected gem for my daughter.



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The Gathering (a contemporary family service) 9 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:55 a.m. Fellowship 12:15 p.m.

3/12 Pastor's Lenten Study, Wednesdays, March 12-April 9 @ 6:30 p.m. "Looking for Wisdom in the Wisdom Literature"

3/27 Spirits & Spirituality – March 27, 6 p.m. @ Stags Head Pub An informal gathering discussing contemporary topics of faith.

4/17 Maundy Thursday Service @ 7 p.m.

4/18 Good Friday Service of Darkness @ 7 p.m.

4/19 Easter Egg Hunt @ 11:00 a.m. Bring your Easter basket!

4/20 Easter Worship @ 9:00 a.m. & 10:55 a.m.

The Gathering at 9 a.m. A shorter, family service that includes communion, scripture, music, and a homily. Contemporary Christian music by Ryan Klasen. **Traditional Worship** at 10:55 a.m. includes organ and choir under the direction of Marvin Gaspard, Director of Music/Organist-Choirmaster.

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Real Estate Report Knollwood Village & Surrounding Area

Single Family Home Sales

July 1, 2013 through February 21, 2014

MLS	CLOSED DATE	STREET NAME	SUB- DIVISION*	BR/Bath/ Garage	Pool	Lot SqFt	Bldg SqFt	Year	List Price	Sold Price	SP/SF	Adjusted SP/SF	DOM	LP/SP %
69139814	7.3.13	Deal	KV	2/2/2	N	7,038	2,023	1953	\$395,000	\$385,000	\$190.31	\$190.31	6	0.97
71058122	7.3.13 Bluegate St		KV 7	3/2/2	N	7,350	1,643	1951	\$345,000	\$340,000	\$206.94	\$205.42	7	0.99
74174385	7.12.13	Chiswell St	KV	3/2/2	N	9,030	1,659	1954	\$398,000	\$375,000	\$226.04	\$226.04	14	0.94
25957236	7.12.13	Broadmead Dr	KV 5	5/3	N	11,220	2,890	1954	\$350,000	\$326,000	\$112.80	\$112.80	98	0.93
80326499	7.15.13	Linkwood Dr	KV 7	3/3/2	N	7,650	1,711	1952	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$175.34	\$175.34	12*	1.00
43331998	7.19.13	Conway	KV	3/2/2	N	7,700	1,704	1955	\$415,000	\$388,500	\$227.99	\$227.99	13	0.94
4796479	7.23.13	Deal St	KV	3/2/2	N	7,140	1,688	1953	\$325,000	\$325,000	\$192.54	\$192.54	18	1.00
68122007	7.23.13	Lorrie Dr	KV 8	3/2/2	N	8,250	2,153	1954	\$479,000	\$465,000	\$215.98	\$215.86	58	.97
31246314	8.6.13	Castlewood	ВТ	3/2/2	N	9,360	1,806	1951	\$449,000	\$449,000	\$248.62	\$248.62	4	1.00
64792547	8.23.13	Linkwood Dr	KV	3/2/2	N	7,330	1,679	1954	\$414,900	\$415,000	\$247.17	\$247.17	7	1.00
8469704	8.30.13	Broadmead	BM	3/2/2	N	7,803	1,730	1955	\$420,000	\$435,100	\$251.50	\$251.50	2	1.04
8582984	9.10.13	Fairhope	KV	3/2/2	N	8,550	1,668	1952	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$209.83	\$209.83	20	1.00
63152044	9.12.13	Broadmead Dr	BM	3/2/2	N	8,389	1,824	1954	\$450,000	\$467,500	\$256.30	\$255.65	0	1.04
75652462	9.23.13	Greenbush St	KV 1	3/2/2	N	7,800	1,792	1953	\$279,000	\$270,000	\$150.67	\$150.67	1	0.97
61015482	9.23.13	Buffalo Spdwy	BT	3/2/2	N	9,300	1,915	1953	\$419,990	\$403,500	\$210.70	\$210.70	36	0.96
81094797	9.23.13	Chiswell	KV	3/2/2	N	8,925	2,243	1952	\$449,000	\$405,000	\$180.56	\$180.56	27	0.90
40240817	9.27.13	Stanton St	KV 2	3/2/2	N	8,906	1,593	1952	\$409,000	\$420,000	\$263.65	\$263.65	5	1.03
87770363	10.07.13	Braeswood Blvd	BM	4/3/2	Υ	10,968	3,633	1976	\$369,888	\$355,000	\$97.72	\$97.72	51*	0.96
72751859	10.8.13	Conway St	KV 8	3/2/2	N	9,570	1,696	1955	\$409,900	\$385,000	\$227.00	\$225.82	17	0.94
70630841	10.15.13	Lorrie Dr	KV 9	3/2/2	N	7,700	1,672	1955	\$269,000	\$265,000	\$158.49	\$158.49	15	0.99
91413234	10.15.13	Fairhope St	KV 3	3/2/2	N	10,386	1,952	1952	\$450,000	\$420,000	\$215.16	\$215.16	8	0.93
70712756	10.17.13	Gannett	KV	4/3/2	N	7,140	2,476	1952	\$350,000	\$324,000	\$130.86	\$130.86	38	0.93
86121454	10.17.13	Bevlyn	ВТ	3/2/2	N	9,271	1,890	1954	\$315,000	\$280,000	\$148.15	\$148.15	57	0.89
50167911	11.04.13	Braeswood Bl	BM 2	4/3/2	Υ	14,380	3,191	1956	\$599,000	\$556,683	\$174.45	\$173.39	51	0.93
74448496	11.05.13	Winslow	KV	3/2/2	N	7,543	1,576	1951	\$334,500	\$320,000	\$203.05	\$203.05	8	0.96
20772444	11.08.13	Greenbush	KV	3/2/2	N	7,770	1,993	1952	\$309,888	\$309,888	\$155.49	\$155.49	44	1.00
4513745	11.14.13	Deal	KV	3/2/2	N	6,834	1,853	1953	\$359,000	\$325,000	\$175.39	\$175.39	47	0.91
58382943	11.20.13	Deal St	ВТ	3/2/2	N	6,630	1,830	1953	\$365,000	\$355,000	\$193.99	\$193.99	5*	0.97
55871644	11.25.13	Stanton St	BT 1	3/2/2	N	7,320	1,439	1950	\$329,900	\$329,901	\$229.26	\$263.65	7	1.00
70207164	11.26.13	Castlewood St	BT 1	3/2/2	N	7,680	1,850	1952	\$389,000	\$350,000	\$189.19	\$189.19	9	0.90
86506757	11.27.13	Stanton St	ВТ	3/3	N	13,777	2,554	1951	\$690,000	\$665,000	\$260.38	\$259.79	62	0.96
35210003	12.13.13	Conway	KV 8	3/2/2	N	10,800	1,986	1952	\$369,500	\$375,000	\$188.82	\$188.82	25	1.01
32183301	12.26.13	Greenbush St	KV 4	4/3/1	N	8,500	2,249	1952	\$394,000	\$360,000	\$160.07	\$160.07	68	0.91
24714998	12.27.13	Broadmead Dr	KV 6	3/2/2	N	7,630	1,667	1952	\$339,500	\$349,000	\$209.36	\$209.36	2	1.03
70721284	1.15.14	Broadmead Dr	BM	3/2/2	N	7,684	1,848	1955	\$470,000	\$475,000	\$257.03	\$255.95	8	1.01
82558094	1.29.14	Lorrie Dr	KV 9	3/3/2	N	7,700	2,057	1955	\$499,900	\$481,698	\$234.18	\$233.20	25	0.96
74503437	2.7.14	Bevlyn	ВТ	3/2/2	N	9,271	1,917	1954	\$449,000	\$449,000	\$234.22	\$234.22	2	1.00
28744334	2.10.14	Stanton St	KV	3/2/2	N	8,344	1,675	1950	\$275,000	\$328,000	\$195.82	\$195.82	5	1.19
31362008	2.13.14	Norris Dr	KV 7	3/2/2	N	7,140	1,634	1953	\$398,000	\$398,000	\$243.57	\$243.17	39	1.00
56444606	2.18.14	Deal St	BT 2	4/2	N	6,630	2,248	1952	\$399,000	\$392,000	\$174.38	\$174.38	2*	1.03
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KVCC Winter–Early Spring 2013–14 Security Incident Report

Since the previous issue of the newsletter, incidents reported to Smith Security include a burglary, two probable attempted burglaries, a theft from a vehicle, unsafe driving and reports of unleashed dogs.

Recently, it has been brought to the attention of the Knollwood Village Civic Club that there are many individuals who walk their dogs in the neighborhood without having the dogs restrained by a leash. KVCC reminds residents that the City of Houston has a leash law. The following text is quoted directly from the City of Houston website at http://www.houstontx.gov/health/quicktips/leash% 20law.htm:

Dogs and cats may not 'run at large' in Houston. "Running at large" means going on public or private property without the owner or another person having direct physical control of the animal. An animal on a leash is considered to be under direct physical control of a person. When animals are not on a leash, they must be otherwise restrained, either behind a fence or in some other enclosure that will prevent their escape. Running at large may result in impoundment of the animal or in the issuance of one or more citations.

It also has been noted that sometimes unrestrained animals will enter the side or backyard of residences in the neighborhood and defecate there. It is problematic for pet owners to comply with the City of Houston's "pooper scooper" law and clean up after their pets when their pets do their business in someone else's backyard.

If you notice any persons in the neighborhood who are behaving suspiciously, PLEASE call the Houston Police Department's non-emergency phone number, 713-884-3131, and report them. After you report the suspicious person(s) to HPD, please call Smith Protective Services at 713-789-5944 and report the suspicious person(s) to them. It is important to call HPD and Smith because they both need to know what to watch out for.

If you see a crime in progress, however, such as a person breaking the window of a house or kicking in a door, then call 911, which is the City of Houston's emergency number, to report it.

Knollwood Village Smith Incident Reports (November 2013–February 2014)

3500 block Linkwood (11/25/13 9:18 AM) - Resident reported that a purse was stolen from their vehicle sometime between 8:30 and 9:00 a.m. The vehicle doors

were not locked. By the time patrol was notified, the victim's credit cards had already been used.

8500 block Bluegate (11/26/13 9:01 AM) - Home alarm was triggered while resident was out walking their dog. When they returned the front door had been opened. HPD checked out the situation. The alarm may have scared off a burglar.

3200 block Fairhope (11/28/13 7:58 AM) - Patrol responded to report of activated burglar alarm. On arrival, a Toyota pickup truck was observed in the driveway. Patrol contacted owners to obtain permission to enter and on entry discovered that flooring contractors working in the house had triggered the alarm.

8600 block Bevyln (11/28/13 2:00 PM) - Patrol observed that the front door of residence was wide open and attempted to contact resident. Resident did not respond and patrol reported this to dispatch. HPD was called and patrol watched residence until HPD arrived and entered the house to investigate. Resident returned home and it was determined that the door likely was inadvertently left open.

3100 block Broadmead (12/5/13 9:45 AM) - Resident reported to patrol that another resident of Knollwood Village frequently drives too fast on Broadmead. The concern was that children playing and walking in the area could be injured.

3100 block Fairhope (12/6/13 10:42 AM) - Knollwood Village resident driving by house noticed alarm was triggered and flagged down patrol to report it. The house was not in Knollwood Village, but patrol investigated to make sure the resident was okay. Patrol discovered the resident was at home and that the alarm in the garage was malfunctioning. The constable had been notified but had been directed to the wrong house and patrol sent them to the correct house.

8500 block Greenbush (12/10/13 1:38 PM) - Resident reported that a suspicious white extended-cab pickup truck carrying a ladder was parked at the corner of Greenbush and Broadmead. Patrol investigated but could not find a vehicle matching the description.

3000 block Tilden (12/11/13 9:08 AM) - Resident reported to dispatch that two male persons were behaving suspiciously and looking around a house. Patrol arrived and found they were painters hired to paint the house. HPD arrived, checked them out, and found no wrongdoing.

Treasurer's Report

Dear Neighbors,

The Knollwood Village Civic Club was able to cover its costs in 2013, with a little left over for our rainy day fund.

Roughly 53% of the 615 homes in the KVCC contributed the \$175 annual dues. Many neighbors included an extra \$25 or more to strengthen our security patrol.

Fundraising for 2014 is underway. As you can see on the two-page list of homes in this issue of the *Knollwood Village Voice*, we are off to a good start. If you haven't made your contribution yet, please take a moment and do so now.

You can pay online at our website:

www.knollwoodvillage.org. Or you can send us a check for \$175 (or more if you'd like to bolster the security fund) to this address:

Knollwood Village Civic Club P.O. Box 20801 Houston, TX 77225 We'll be sure to update your participation in the next issue of the KVV.

Your money primarily goes to three things:

- 1. The Smith Security Patrol,
- 2. Maintenance of the street medians, and
- 3. Our newsletter and other communication efforts.

By far, most of the money the KVCC raises is used to hire Smith Security. We all benefit from the security patrol. Please do your share.

If you have any questions or comments, feel free to contact me at treasurer@knollwoodvillagecc.org.

Thank you for helping make Knollwood Village a great — and safe — place to live.

KVCC Treasurer Chris Hearne

2800 block Linkwood (12/11/13 3:17 PM) - Resident reported that their house was burglarized the previous day in the early morning. Various items were taken. The burglary was reported to HPD.

3500 block Norris (12/13/13 2:25 PM) - Resident reported that other residents of the neighborhood were walking their dog without a leash, which is prohibited by City of Houston law. The resident recently had been attacked and injured by an off-leash dog and wanted to avoid a similar experience. Patrol attempted to contact the dog owners.

Bevlyn (12/16/13 12:27 PM) - Resident reported a man out jogging with a dog that was not on a leash. Resident said they had observed numerous incidents of dogs being walked in the neighborhood without leashes.

3000 block S. Braeswood (12/18/13 4:58 PM) - Dispatch reported that a well-dressed man was going door-to-door attempting to sell magazines. Patrol found the man and told him not to sell magazines in Knollwood Village. Patrol observed the man leaving the neighborhood.

8200 block Greenbush (12/20/13 1:30 PM) - Resident reported that a woman was going door-to-door selling magazines. Patrol located her and told her not to sell magazines in the neighborhood and she left without an argument.

2800 block Linkwood (2/7/14 9:30 AM) - Resident entered their house and discovered the alarm system was on.

They turned off the alarm and walked into the rear of the house where they observed a young black male, wearing a cap and baggy pants situated well below his waist, looking in the window. When the suspect observed the resident he ran to the back fence and climbed over it into the parking lot of the apartment complex located at the corner of Main and Broadmead. Patrol checked the backyard and found a shoe print by the fence.

3000 block Norris (2/12/14 3:32 PM) - Resident reported that a man on a bicycle was going door-to-door asking residents if they wanted their address painted on the curb. The man was having difficulty talking and the resident initially thought the man was intoxicated, but then concluded that he was just cold. Patrol asked the man to leave and not solicit in the neighborhood.

3000 block Stanton (2/14/14 1:02 PM) - Dispatch reported that a resident called to say that the alarm on a neighbor's house was on. Patrol checked out the residence and verified that doors and windows in the front of the house were locked and unbroken. The back yard was inaccessible, but it appeared that the rear doors were not open or broken.

8100 block Greenbush (2/19/14 12:45 PM) - Resident reported that they were suspicious of a car because it was driving around slowly and the occupant appeared to be looking at houses. The car was a gold four door Toyota Camry. Patrol tried to locate the car, but was unsuccessful.

Knollwood Village Civic Club & Security 2814 Conway 3519 Deal Fund payments for 2014 by Address. Fairhope 2815 Conway 2802 Represents all payments received as of Feb 20, 2014. 2902 2803 Fairhope Conway 2903 Conway 2806 Fairhope You can pay online at www.knollwoodvillagecc.org. Or mail your 2906 Conway 2807 Fairhope check to: KVCC, PO Box 20801, Houston, TX 77225. If you believe 2907 Conway √+ 2810 Fairhope there is an error on your account, please contact us at 2910 Conway 2811 Fairhope treasurer@knollwoodvillagecc.org 2911 Fairhope Conway 2814 3003 Conway 2815 Fairhone 3004 Fairhope Conway 2818 $\sqrt{}$ = Paid 3006 Conway 2819 Fairhope $\sqrt{+}$ = Paid plus made an extra contribution. 3007 Conway 2902 Fairhope 3010 Conway 2903 Fairhope 2906 Fairhope 3011 Conway 2910 Fairhope 3014 Conway √+ 8435 Bluegate St 2802 Ashwood 3410 Broadmead 2919 Fairhope 3015 Conway 2803 Ashwood 8438 Bluegate St 3411 Broadmead 3003 Fairhope 3018 Conway 2806 Ashwood 8439 Bluegate St 3414 Broadmead 3006 Fairhope 3019 Conway Ashwood 8442 Bluegate St 3418 Broadmead 3007 Fairhope 3022 Conway 2810 8443 Bluegate St 3419 Broadmead Fairhope Ashwood 3011 3023 Conway 8447 2811 Ashwood Bluegate St 3422 Broadmead 3015 Fairhope 3026 Conway 8503 Bluegate St 2814 Ashwood 3423 Broadmead 3019 Fairhope 3027 Conway 2815 Ashwood 8506 Bluegate St 3427 Broadmead 3023 Fairhope 3030 Conway 2902 Ashwood 8507 Bluegate St Broadmead 3428 3026 Fairhope 3031 Conway 2903 Ashwood 8510 Bluegate St 3431 Broadmead 3030 Fairhope 3010 Deal 8511 2906 Ashwood Bluegate St 3434 Broadmead 8206 Fairhope Place 3011 Deal 2907 Ashwood 8514 Bluegate St 3435 Broadmead 8207 Fairhope Place 3018 Deal 2910 8515 3502 Ashwood Bluegate St Broadmead 3026 8211 Fairhope Place Deal 3503 Broadmead $\sqrt{+}$ 2911 8518 Ashwood Bluegate St 8310 Fairhope Place 3027 Deal 2914 Ashwood 8519 Bluegate St 3506 Broadmead 8315 Fairhope Place 3102 Deal 3507 Broadmead 2915 Ashwood 8522 Bluegate St 8316 Fairhope Place 3103 Deal $\sqrt{+}$ 3510 8506 Bevlyn 8523 Bluegate St Broadmead 8319 Fairhope Place 3106 Deal 3511 Broadmead 8510 Bevlyn 8526 Bluegate St 3107 Deal 3102 Gannett 3514 Broadmead 8527 8602 Bevlyn Bluegate St 3110 Deal 3106 Gannett 3515 Broadmead 8606 8530 Bluegate St Deal Bevlvn 3111 3107 Gannett 8001 Braesmain 3518 Broadmead 8610 Bevlyn 3114 Deal 3110 Gannett 2902 Broadmead 3519 Broadmead 8614 Bevlvn 3115 3111 Deal Gannett Buffalo Spdwy Broadmead 8515 8702 2924 3118 Deal 3114 Gannett 3003 2925 Castlewood 8706 Bevlyn Broadmead 3119 Deal 3115 Gannett 3006 Castlewood 2929 Broadmead 8710 Bevlyn 3123 Deal 3118 Gannett 3006 3007 Castlewood 8714 Broadmead Bevlvn 3119 3402 Deal Gannett 8802 Bevlyn 3009 Broadmead 3010 Castlewood 3403 Deal 3122 Gannett 8806 Bevlvn 3010 Broadmead Castlewood 3406 Deal 3123 Gannett 8810 Bevlvn 3014 Broadmead 3014 Castlewood 3407 Deal 3402 Gannett 8902 3015 Bevlvn Broadmead 3015 Castlewood 3410 Deal 3403 Gannett 8906 Bevlyn 3018 3018 Castlewood Broadmead 3411 Deal 3406 Gannett 8910 3019 Broadmead 2802 Chiswell Bevlvn 3407 3414 Deal Gannett 8407 Bluegate Ct. 3022 Broadmead 2803 Chiswell 3415 3410 Gannett Deal 3023 Broadmead 2806 Chiswell Bluegate Ct. 3411 3418 Deal Gannett 8415 Bluegate Ct. 3026 Broadmead 2807 Chiswell 3414 Gannett 3419 Deal 3027 Broadmead 8419 Bluegate Ct. 2810 Chiswell 3422 Deal 3415 Gannett 3102 Broadmead 8423 Bluegate Ct. 2811 Chiswell 3423 Deal 3418 Gannett 8426 Blueaate Ct. 3103 Broadmead 2814 Chiswell 3426 Deal 3419 Gannett 3106 Bluegate Ct. Broadmead 2815 Chiswell 3427 Deal 3422 Gannett 8431 Bluegate Ct. 3107 Broadmead 2902 Chiswell 3430 Deal 3423 Gannett 8402 Bluegate St 3110 Broadmead 2903 Chiswell 3431 Deal 3426 Gannett 8406 2906 Bluegate St 3111 Broadmead Chiswell 3434 Deal 3427 Gannett Bluegate St 8410 3114 Broadmead 2907 Chiswell 3435 Deal 3430 Gannett 8414 3115 Broadmead 2910 Chiswell Bluegate St Deal 3502 3431 Gannett 8417 Bluegate St 3118 Broadmead 2911 3503 Deal Gannett 8418 3119 Broadmead 2914 Bluegate St Chiswell 3506 Deal 3435 Gannett 8422 Bluegate St 3122 Broadmead 2802 Conway 3507 Deal 3502 Gannett 8426 Bluegate St 3123 Broadmead 2803 Conway 3510 Deal 3503 Gannett 8427 3402 Broadmead 2806 Bluegate St Conway 3511 Deal 3506 Gannett 8430 Bluegate St 3403 Broadmead 2807 Conway 3514 Deal 3507 Gannett Bluegate St 3406 Broadmead 2810 Conway 3515 Deal 3510 Gannett 8434 Bluegate St 3407 Broadmead Conway 3518 Deal Gannett

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Decorating Contest Winners

There were loads of fun decorations to look at during the holiday season this year. After a lot of thought, the winners of gift cards were:

- 1st place: 8427 Hatton
- 2nd Place 2803 S. Braeswood
- 3rd Place 3422 Norris



Winner! 8427 Hatton

We also had several other categories. Their winners were:

- Best Color Scheme 8526 Bluegate
- Most Traditional 3018 Linkwood
- Most Creative 8303 Lorrie



Odds & Ends

Do you have a new neighbor? Let our Welcoming Committee know! Contact Bevin at bevinbarrett@yahoo.com.

REMINDER – Our trash day is THURSDAY each week and RECYCLING is every other Thursday. The upcoming recycling days are: March 6, March 20, April 4, April 18, May 2, May 16, May 30, June 13 and June 27.

HEAVY TRASH is the third Monday of each month. Remember your ODDS & EVENS. Tree waste is collected on ODD months and junk waste is collected on EVEN months.

FARMERS' MARKETS IN THE AREA

Saturday

3000 Richmond at Eastside 77098, year-round from 8 a.m.–noon

Sunday

3000 Richmond at Eastside 77098, year-round from 11a.m.–3p.m.

Tuesday

5600 Greenbriar (Rice University West Stadium Parking Lot) year-round from 3:30 p.m.–6:30 p.m.

Wednesday

901 Bagby (City Hall) Seasonal – opened up in February, 11 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Yard Care & Fertilizer Schedule

January/February	Prune trees if excessive shade is a problem. Call Steve for tax tips for the new year.
February 1	Pre-emergent weed-preventer for grassy weeds; fungicide for Brown Patch prevention.
February/March	Post-emergent weed-killer for broadleaf weeds (apply when above 70 degrees in daytime).
April 1	Sharpen lawnmower blade; mow lawn short (1.5 to 2 inches the first time ONLY, and ONLY while the lawn is dormant before spring green-up; catch clippings; apply 2nd application of pre-emergent weed preventer. Great time to list your home. Call Steve at 713-666-3400
April 15	Fertilize with fast-release 15-5-10 fertilizer (1 lb N per 1,000 sq. ft.) after second mowing (if lawn is very shady, decrease fertilizer amount by one-half; or wait until fall to fertilize); mow at 5-to 7-day intervals at a height of 3" (use a mulching blade, and drop clippings); begin watering 1" per week, April thru June. File your tax protest & call Steve for comps.
May 15	Fertilize with slow-release 21-7-14 fertilizer (2 lbs N per 1,000 sq. ft.).
May/June/July	Sod or plug St. Augustine; water daily for first week, then twice weekly.
May/June/July	De-thatch & core-aerate if required, while grass actively growing; apply ¼ inch of compost.

Steve Anton

HALLMARK PROPERTIES

June/July/Aug/Sept	Monitor for Chinch Bugs. Regular watering.
June/July/Aug	Monitor for Grub Worms and treat while still in the larval stage (usually in July and August); water no more than twice weekly (1 inch with each application).
September 15 – October 1	Pre-emergent weed-preventer for broadleaf weeds; decrease watering to 1" per week throughout the fall; monitor for sod web worms.
October 1	Apply fungicide for Brown Patch control when first cold front passes through (may be as early as August). Call for a list of quick, affordable improvements to add value.
October 15	Over-seed in sunny areas with rye grass, if desired. Tall Fescue seed in shady areas only.
November 1	Apply a "winterizer" fertilizer (a fast-release nitrogen also can be appropriate at this time); apply 2 nd application of fungicide for Brown Patch control; fertilize shady lawns if they have not been fertilized this year. Great time to find a safe, profitable investment property.
December 1	Second application of pre-emergent weed preventer.
December – January	Use post-emergent weed-killer on actively growing broadleaf winter weeds before they begin to flower; do not apply any weed-killer once it begins to green-up in the spring.
Dec March	Water every 2 weeks if there is no rainfall (usually not required).

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Myths, Facts, and Tips for the Spring Allergy Season

From Your Knollwood Allergist*

Myth 1: Oral antihistamines are just as effective as prescription medicines in controlling a stuffy nose.

Fact 1: Antihistamines can help control some allergy symptoms but they have little effect on relieving a stuffy nose or the inflammation that often occurs with allergies. Some may also cause drowsiness. Allergists can prescribe more effective anti-inflammatory medications as well as find the source of suffering, rather than just treat the symptoms.

Myth 2: Over-the-counter (OTC) decongestant nasal sprays are addictive.

Fact 2: OTC decongestant nasal sprays are not technically addictive. However, people who overuse them may think they are because they need more and more to get relief from the congestion. To combat this, decongestant nasal sprays shouldn't be used more than three days in a row. Also, an allergist can prescribe a nasal spray containing a steroid, which may be more effective and is not addictive.

Myth 3: Allergy shots require too much time and are more expensive than taking medicine to relieve symptoms.

Fact 3: Depending on how bothersome the allergies are, immunotherapy (allergy shots) may actually save money and improve quality of life. These shots slowly introduce a little bit of what causes your allergy, so your body learns to tolerate it rather than react with sneezing, a stuffy nose or itchy eyes.

Myth 4: Eating local honey can cure allergies.

Fact 4: Seasonal allergies are usually triggered by windborne pollen (e.g., from trees, weeds, and grasses), not flower pollen spread by bees and insects. There is no scientific evidence that honey will provide any benefit or reduce allergy symptoms.

Tips:

- Know your triggers. You may think you know that
 pollen is causing your suffering, but other substances
 may be involved as well. More than two-thirds of
 spring allergy sufferers actually have year-round
 symptoms.
- Monitor local pollen and mold counts: http://www.houstontx.gov/health/Pollen-Mold/
- Keep windows and doors shut at home and in your car during allergy season.
- Stay inside during mid-day and afternoon hours when pollen counts are highest.
- Start medication early, before symptoms start. A
 good rule of thumb for the Houston area is to take
 allergy treatment from Valentine's Day through Memorial Day.
- Take a shower, wash hair and change clothing after being outdoors working or playing.
- Wear a mask when doing outdoor chores like mowing the lawn.

*Information adapted from American College of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology (http://www.acaai.org/allergist/allergies/seasonal/Pages/spring.aspx)

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